

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Final Rejection that claims 6 and 8-10 are allowable. Claims 1, 5, 11, and 22-43 have been cancelled. All pending claims are directed to the allowable subject matter, as follows.

Allowable claims 6 and 8-10 have each been placed in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1 and any intervening claims. New independent claims 44-46 recapture the subject matter of previously multiple dependent claims 8-10 in terms of their dependence from now canceled base claim 43. Claims 2-4 and 12-14 have been amended to depend from newly independent claim 8. It is submitted that claims 2-4 clearly lack any conflict with the subject matter of claim 8 directed to the reaction agent being formed from first and second liquids, with the first liquid being housed in a microcapsule and dispersed in the second liquid. Thus, the amendments of claims 2-4 are deemed as not raising any new issues that would require further consideration and/or searching and thus should be entered.

Claim 3 has been further amended to overcome the objection thereto. Therefore, allowance of claims 6, 8-10, and 44-46 and all claims dependent therefrom is deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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